

Mrs. Alice Nudelman

Township of Washington, New Jersey 07676

"As the Information Management Specialist and technology teacher at all-girls Catholic high school in northern New Jersey, I know that seamlessly infusing digital learning throughout the curriculum is a prerequisite for students to graduate from high school with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in today's global economy. Access to high-speed broadband is the key to allowing modern teaching and learning to occur in all schools across the country.

As an all-girl's private high school, we are trying our best to prepare our girls using 21st century technology. Without high-speed Internet access, we are lost in the water. There will be no way for our girls to compete in a technology-rich world without exposure and training at the high school level. We are starting a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) program in the fall of 2014 where technology will play a major role in our students' learning. High-speed Internet access is mandatory, no longer an optional part of learning.

The E-Rate program has been a phenomenal success in bringing internet access to almost every classroom in America. In the last funding cycle, applications from schools and libraries requested a total of more than \$5 billion—twice the amount of available funding. I respectfully urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-Rate program to at least \$5 billion to meet this demand. All students need access to high-speed broadband. Our nation's future depends on their success."